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> Re: MUR 7467 - Pre-Probable Cause Conciliation

> > **And Request for Extension**

Dear Ms. Peña-Wallace:

We are writing this letter on behalf of Freedom's Defense Fund, and Paul Kilgore in his official capacity as Treasurer ("FDF" or the "Committee"), in response to Chairwoman Hunter's letter dated August 22, 2018, in which she informs FDF of the Commission's Reason to Believe ("RTB") finding in the above-captioned matter. Included in her letter is the Office of General Counsel's ("OGC") Factual and Legal Analysis ("F&LA") and a proposed pre-probable cause conciliation agreement. FDF is interested in bringing this matter to a conclusion through the pre-probable cause conciliation process.

We note that there has recently been a complete turnover in leadership at FDF, and no individuals currently working with FDF were associated with the Committee during the 2015-16 election cycle, when the alleged reporting issues took place. In light of these leadership changes and the need for FDF's Treasurer, legal counsel, and consultants to sift through the Committee's records from almost four years ago, we respectfully request a sixty (60) day extension to address the matters set forth in the F&LA. The extension of time will permit us to properly evaluate the issues presented in the F&LA, research and compile necessary documentation, and ensure a complete and accurate response aimed at a fair and reasonable conciliation agreement.

I appreciate your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly about this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

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The above-named individual and/or firm is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

9/20/18

Treasurer

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